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Water Users
Blue Mountain Distribution System

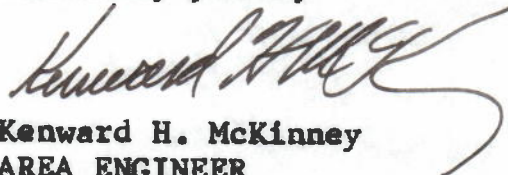
Dear Water User:

In the years 1970, 1971, and 1972, the water users of the Blue Mountain Distribution System were advised at the annual meetings that it would be necessary to have satisfactory control structures and measuring devices installed and operating at each diversion. It was indicated at these meetings that the State Engineer had the statutory authority to order control structures and measuring devices installed, but that he hesitated to use such authority since that as soon as the measuring devices were made mandatory by an order of the State Engineer, there would be no possibility of participation by the SCS or ASCS in the installation of such device. The State Engineer has thus to date not used his authority to order the installation of such devices.

At a meeting held with the Spring Creek water users on April 4, 1972, at which Mr. Hubert C. Lambert, the State Engineer was present, this matter was again discussed. The matter of what type control structure and measuring device that should be installed was discussed. It was indicated that the Parshall Flume is generally the recommended measuring device and a screw type headgate, where conditions are suitable, the recommended control structure. It was suggested that perhaps the individual water users should contact the Soil Conservation Service Office in Monticello for their advise and possible help in this matter. It was also noted that in August 1971, Bryant Brady, SCS Office Monticello, Kenward H. McKinney, Southeastern Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights, and various water users and members of the Blue Mountain Distribution System Board of Directors, toured the system and made tentative recommendations as to the location of control structures and measuring devices. At the conclusion of the discussion, the matter was left to the individual water user for resolution and action. It was however indicated by the State Engineer that in October 1972 the entire Blue Mountain Distribution System would be examined to ascertain if satisfactory control structures and measuring devices were installed. At that time control structures and measuring devices would be ordered installed at any diversion at which satisfactory control and measuring devices were not installed. It was also indicated that no water would be delivered in 1973 to any diversion at which a control-measuring device had been ordered installed and such order had not been complied with.

If you have any questions on this or other water rights matters, please contact this office.

Sincerely yours,


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